

# Bibiano announces 23-member squad for SAFF U-19 C'ship

**PTI, ITANAGAR:** Head coach Bibiano Fernandes announced a 23-member India squad for the SAFF U-19 Championship, which will be held in Arunachal Pradesh from May 9-18.

The Blue Colts arrived in Itanagar on April 30 with a 25-member probable squad and have been training in the city ahead of the subcontinental tourna-

ment, after an initial camp in Bengaluru.

Fernandes said, "We started more than a month back in Bengaluru with around 50 scouted players, who appeared for the trials. I was not surprised when I saw the talent that these boys have."

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## SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Aarush Hari, Aneibam Suraj Singh, Rohit Singh, Jodric Abranches, Malemngamba Singh Thokchom, Mohammed Kaif, Sumit Sharma, Brahmacharimayum, Sohun Utreja, Roshan Singh Thangjam

**Midfielders:** Danny Meitei Laishram, Gurnaj Singh Grewal, Md Arbash, Ningthoukhongjam Rishi Singh, Singamayum Shami

**Forwards:** Ahongshangbam Samson, Bharat Lairenjam, Chaphamayum Rohen Singh, Omang Dodum, Prashan Jajo, Hemneibung Lunkim, Yohaan Benjamin

**Head Coach:** Bibiano Fernandes

**Assistant coach:** Shafeeq Hassan M

**Goalkeeper coach:** Dipankar Choudhury

**Strength and conditioning coach:** Chelston Pinto

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The 48-year-old, who had won SAFF junior championships on three different occasions, stressed the importance of the acclimatisation period given to the team.

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and everything else. We've also played some practice matches, both in Bengaluru and in Itanagar, which have really helped us develop as a team," he said.

India have been drawn in Group B of the championship, alongside Nepal and Sri Lanka, and begin their campaign on May 9 against the latter, at the Golden Jubilee Stadium.

# Margao SC book last eight berth

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**RAIA:** Margao Sports Club were lucky to put it across CAC Cansaulim 1-0 to enter the quarter-finals of Cavelossim Villagers UK Cup 2025 organised by Santa Cruz Club of Cavelossim at Fr Druston and Wellington ground, Cavelossim, on Tuesday.

In an absorbing pre-quarterfinal match CAC Cansaulim had a great opportunity to move ahead when they were awarded an indirect free-kick in the penalty box but Slevin de Mello's shot was well-blocked by Elroy Barreto for an abortive corner.

Again Elroy Barreto crossed the ball to unmarked Hanslam Furtado whose header missed the goal by inches.

However, it was Margao SC, who broke the deadlock when Clencio Pinto collected a through pass from Alfred Noronha and shot a powerful grounder into the right corner of the goal to score what turned out to be the only goal of the match.

INACIO NORONHA



Sports Secretary Peter Cardozo presents the Food Court man-of-the-match award to Aswin Fernandes of CAC Cansaulim in presence of Joint Sports Secretary Glenn Gracias

## Ambaulim Boys in quarters

Ambaulim Boys, Ambaulim, moved past Rosary Boys, Davorlim, 3-1 to enter into the quarter-finals of 5th 8-a-side football tournament organised by Davorlim Sports and Cultural Club at Laymati ground, Davorlim, on Tuesday

In the inaugural match, Ambaulim Boys started the match on a fast pace and scored two quick goals through Mevzen and Bradley in the 14th and 26th minute and remained 2-0 ahead at the half time.

INACIO NORONHA



The man-of-the-match was awarded to Clifton Rebello of Verna Social and Cultural Club

In the second session, Ambaulim Boys increased the tally through Seltan in the 44th minute, while Peter Colaco pulled one goal back for Rosary Boys in the injury time.

## Verna SCC move head

Verna Social and Cultural Club downed St Rock Youth Club, Majorda, 2-0 to move ahead in the St Rock's Super Soccer inter-village football tournament played at Majorda ground, on Tuesday.

Verna Social and Cultural Club netted a goal each through Clifton Rebello and Royston Rego.

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The Goa team clinched the second place in the Women's 40+ category at the first India event organised by HYROX, at Mumbai, recently. The team that participated in the global fitness race, which combined running with functional workouts, was trained by Gilroy D'Souza at Liveinlean, Anjuna. Team Goa comprised Arti Mohite, Maria Mani Kumar, Judith Azavedo, and Duraiya Lokhandwala

# Fatorda Veterans face Fractures Verem in final today

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**PANJIM:** Fatorda Veterans sailed into the final of Panjim Veterans Football tournament edging out Bardez Veterans 3-0 in the semi-final played at Taleigao ground, on Tuesday.

Both teams started the match on an attacking note in search of early goals. Benedict Fernandes of Bardez Veterans put in his own goal and gave Fatorda Veterans lead in the first half.

da Veterans doubled the lead through the efforts of Richard Carvalho.

In the dying minute, Fatorda Veterans made it 3-0 through Milagres Fernandes, of a pass from Precy Pereira.

Earlier, Fractures Verem Veterans moved into the final of Panjim Veterans football tournament organised by Panjim Veterans defeating Goa Police 5-3 via tie-breaker in the semi-final played at Taleigao ground, on Sunday.

In the second half, Benedict D'Souza and Ravi Govakar of Goa Police Veterans missed an easy sitter. Alex Alvares, former Dempo SC player and Mathew Gonsalves, former FC Pune player were the solid rock in the Fractures Verem Veterans' defence and didn't allow Goa Police Veterans forward to penetrate.

Both the teams got equal numbers of scoring opportunities but failed to break the deadlock till the final whistle.

In the resultant tie-breaker, Avinash Shirodkar, Jitender Calangutkar, Melwyn Fernandes, Nicolau Borges, Radakrishna Detai scored for Fractures Verem Veterans, while Rohidas Mhaloji, Vinod Wilson, Benedict D'Souza scored for Goa Police Veterans. Anthony Fernandes' kick was saved by Camilo Barreto of Fractures Verem Veterans.

Fatorda Veterans will meet Fractures Verem Veterans in the final on May 7, at the Santa Cruz ground.

## PANJIM VETERANS FOOTBALL

As the match progressed, in the 30th minute, Bardez Veterans equalised almost in the similar fashion but Fatorda Veterans strong defender Anthony Pereira (former Mahindra & Mahindra player, Vincent Colaso, former Dempo SC player and Venacio Gonsalves, former Sporting Clube de Goa player didn't allow Bardez forward to equalise.

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Both the teams were 0-0 at the full time.

In the closing period of the first half, Nicolau Borges of Fractures Verem Veterans almost scored darting inside the box and after dribbling past defender Anthony Fernandes of Goa Police Veterans placed the ball towards the goal only to find Goa Police Veterans custodian Rupesh Kamoj retreat and gather the ball.

HERALD PICS



Rohidas Mhaloji of Goa Police Veterans receives the man-of-the-match award from chief guest Verem businessman Sachin Satadekar



Chief guest Pascoal Pereira (former Dempo SC player) presents the man-of-the-match award to Seby Fernandes of Bardez Veterans

# Bidesh XI SC drub Saligao United

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**MAPUSA/RAIA:** Bidesh XI SC had an easy outing as they drubbed Saligao United SC by 4-0 margin in the inaugural match of the Candolim Panchayat Cup 2025 organised by Candolim Sports club at Dr Gustavo Monteiro ground, Candolim.

The match was kicked off by acting Candolim Sarpanch Amalina Dias.

Bidesh XI SC took an early lead in the very second minute of play through Kunal Salgaonkar, who tapped the ball into the goal of a cross by Prajot Naik, 1-0. Just three minutes later, Akash Kudnekar doubled the lead.

On crossing ends, Bidesh XI SC scored their third goal through Akash Kudnekar by tapping the ball home once again of a cross.

Saligao United did have their chances but their strikers failed to deliver the goods. Kunal Shtgaokar made it 4-0 in the 55th minute of play.

## Hosts Rebello Pandal to meet Carmel Boys in final

Carmel Boys, Curtorim, entered the final of 18th Rebello Pandal football tournament defeating Ghanimorod Boys, Navelim, 6-5, via tie-breaker at St Rita Church ground, Maina-Curtorim, on Tuesday.

Both teams played on a fast pace and couldn't break the deadlock and remained 0-0 till the full time.

In the resultant tie-breaker, Carmel Boys proved to be the better shooters.

Meliston Dias of Ghanimorod Navelim was awarded the man-of-the-match by Rosario Fernandes.

Hosts Rebello Pandal will meet Carmel Boys in the final on Sunday, at 4.30 pm.

## Holy Cross football: Uguem RC to battle with Betalbatim SC for title

Uguem Rising Club secured a dramatic 4-2 victory via tie-breaker over Guard-

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Sidney Lucas of Benfica Youth club was adjudged as man-of-the-match, which was presented by Avelino Silva



The man-of-the-match award was presented to Richard Cardozo of Calangute Association

ian Angel Sports Club to book their place in the final of 27th Holy Cross inter-village football tournament held at Vodlemoll ground, Kakoda, on Tuesday.

The clash was an eye-catching affair, with both teams showcasing exceptional skill and determination. Spectators were glued to the action from start to finish as both sides launched relentless attacks in pursuit of a goal.

In the first half, Guardian Angel SC dominated the ball possession pressing high and keeping Uguem RC's defence on their toes. However, the second half saw a shift in momentum, with Uguem RC taking control and launching repeated offensives.

Despite several close chances, neither team could break the deadlock in the regulation time.

The match proceeded to a tie-breaker where in Uguem RC proved more clinical. Francisco, Prathamesh, Rutik and Israel successfully converted their penalties, while only

Regan and Godwin found the net for Guardian Angel SC. Uguem Rising Club will now face Betalbatim Sporting Club in the grand finale on Saturday.

## Colaco memorial football: BenficaYC in last eight

In a high scoring thriller of the 1st Late Antonio Colaco memorial football tournament, Benfica Youth Club, Vasco, piped Sao Jose de Areal SC 10-9 via tie-breaker to enter into the last eight of Mandopa Sports Club football tournament played at Rosary Church ground, Navelim, on Tuesday

Both teams remained 3-3 draw at full time. Bersal Viegas scored a brace, while Platini scored the third goal for Sao Jose de Areal SC and for Benfica Youth Club Royann, Sidney and Jhonson scored one goal each.

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